



INFORMATION FOR THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY AND THE PUBLIC  
FROM THE

# D.C. BOARD OF MEDICINE

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## ***GETTING READY FOR RENEWAL***

D.C. medical, osteopathic, physician assistant and acupuncture licenses expire on December 31, 2004. Renewal applications will be mailed on or about October 1, 2004, and renewal applications will also be available at that time on the Internet at [www.dchealth.dc.gov](http://www.dchealth.dc.gov) (click on "Professional Licensing").

One of the changes that will be implemented with this renewal cycle is that licenses will be printed with photographs of the licensees. It will be necessary for you to provide two (2) 2" x 2" current photographs of yourself to complete the renewal process. The provision of the photographs is the only part of the renewal process that you will not be able to complete on the Internet. Detailed instructions for providing the photographs will be included in the renewal application that will be mailed to you at the beginning of October and on the Internet. It will also be possible for you to come to the new Board of Medicine office and complete the entire process there.

## **WHO MUST RENEW?**

If you work in D.C. after December 31, 2004 and you have a current license on that date, you must renew the license or be liable for applicable civil and criminal penalties.

New licenses issued before September 1, 2004 will expire on December 31, 2004, and licensees will have to renew their licenses to practice in the District of Columbia after December 31,

2004. New licenses issued after September 1, 2004 will not expire until December 31, 2006.

## **HOW CAN YOU PREPARE TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE?**

### **Address:**

The most important thing that you can do to facilitate a smooth renewal cycle is to ensure that the Board has your current address. Without a current address, the Board has no way to ensure that you will receive a renewal form. Licensees are required to notify the Board within thirty days of a change in address, and failure to receive a renewal notice is not recognized grounds for failing to renew. Please go to [www.dchealth.dc.gov](http://www.dchealth.dc.gov), click on "Professional Licensing," and then click on "On-Line License Search" to confirm your mailing address. If the address shown is incorrect, then please fax the correct address to (202)442-9431, attention Antoinette Stokes before September 1, 2004.

### **Continuing Medical Education (CME):**

CME requirements vary by discipline. Acupuncturists and practicing physicians currently do not have continuing medical education requirements for renewal. However, non-practicing physicians and physician assistants do have continuing medical education requirements.

Physician Assistants (PAs) are required to document completion of forty (40) hours of credit in Category 1 CME *and* sixty (60) hours of either Category 1 or Category 2 CME for a total of one hundred (100) hours. In lieu of the documentation of the above-mentioned CME, a

physician assistant may document that he or she holds a current valid certificate from the National Commission for certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) that entitles the PA (under the by-laws of the NCCPA) to use the designation "Physician Assistant-Certified" or "PA-C." PAs should consult the PA regulations (Title 17 DCMR, §4907) at the above-mentioned website to see the full list of approved CME programs.

Non-practicing physicians must also complete CME. D.C. medical regulations define a practicing physician as a physician who:

- a) Maintains a practice of one thousand (1,000) patient visits per year;
- b) Is employed full-time in medical teaching, research or administration; or
- c) Is employed part-time in medical teaching, research, or administration and maintains a practice of five hundred (500) patient visits per year.

Any physician who does not meet the criteria above for more than one year is defined as a "non-practicing physician" and must complete CME.

If a non-practicing physician has been out of practice as defined for one to five years, then the physician must complete twenty-five (25) hours of Category 1 CME and twenty-five (25) hours of either Category 1 or Category 2 CME (a total of fifty hours) for each year that the physician did not practice, in order to renew his or her license.

If a non-practicing physician has been out of practice for five (5) years or more, then the physician must document completion of 150 hours of CME in Category 1 **and** 150 hours of either Category 1 or Category 2 (a total of three hundred hours) or complete an additional year of postgraduate training that is approved by either the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACGME) or the American Osteopathic Association (AOA).

#### **Malpractice Information:**

One of the screening questions that renewing licensees have initially failed to answer in a comprehensive manner is the question about malpractice history. The question asks *only* for malpractice cases that were initiated and/or

concluded during the previous two years (through December 31, 2004). At a minimum, renewing licensees should provide an explanation for each malpractice case during the applicable period that includes the name of the plaintiff, the court venue and case number (if there is one), the allegation, the circumstances of your involvement, and the status of the case including the amount of any settlement or award.

Following the above procedures will help to ensure a smooth renewal and reduce the amount of time involved for both licensees and staff.

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#### **PUBLIC BOARD ORDERS**

**January - May 2004**

##### **Summarily Suspended**

**Quinn, Jewel A. Jr.:** (5/26/04) D.C. medical license was summarily suspended effective May 26, 2004. The physician was charged with presenting an imminent danger to the health and safety of the residents of the District of Columbia by maintaining an unsanitary office and performing services under unsanitary conditions, demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare or safety of patients and professional or mental incompetence.

##### **Suspended, Probation, Practice Supervision and Reporting Requirements**

**Eisenbrey, Jean M.:** (5/26/04) D.C. medical license was suspended with suspension (stayed), placed on two years probation *nunc pro tunc* to June 25, 2003, practice supervision and reporting requirements. The physician was disciplined in Maryland for quality of care issues.

##### **Probation, Reprimanded and Reporting Requirements**

**Rind, Bruce:** (3/17/04) Placed on probation for eighteen (18) months, reprimanded and reporting requirements, by consent order. The physician was disciplined in Maryland for conduct (quality of care contrary to accepted practices and poor record-keeping) that would be grounds for disciplinary action if it occurred in D.C.

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